

**MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, and the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Mountain Pine Beetle: Strategies for Protecting the West." Testimony was heard from Representatives Rehberg, Salazar, Markey of Colorado, Minnick, Polis and Scanlan; the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Barbara Bentz, Research Entomologist, Rocky Mountain Research Station; and Rick Cables, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region; Herbert C. Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ronald Turley, Special Programs Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Department of the Energy; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL CONTRACTING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing entitled "The State of Federal Contracting: Opportunities and Challenges for Strengthening Government Procurement and Acquisition Policies." Testimony was heard from Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense; David A. Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA; and public witnesses.

**PAKISTAN'S HUMANITARIAN CRISIS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "U.S. Contributions to the Response to Pakistan's Humanitarian Crisis: The Situation and the Stakes." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, under a structured rule. The rule provides no further general debate.

The rule provides that no further amendments shall be in order except: (1) amendments numbered 3, 6, 19, 22, 25, 31, 35, 41, 59, 60, 62, 63, 69, 71, 93, 96, 97, 98, 100, 102, 111, 114, and 118 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009, which may be offered only by the Member who submitted it for printing or a designee; and (2) not to exceed 10 of the following amendments if offered by the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee: amendments numbered 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 104, 105, 106, 107, and 108 printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, 2009.

The rule provides that each amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except that amendments may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading. It provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate. Such amendment may be repeated, but only after consideration of an amendment listed in the first section of this rule.

Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Mollohan, Wolf, Burton, Flake, King (IA), Nunes, Rogers (AL), Gohmert, Price (GA), Jordon (OH) and Broun (GA).

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2693, amended, Federal Oil Spill Research Program Act; H.R. 2729, amended, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy; and H.R. 1622, To provide for a program of research, development, and demonstration on natural gas vehicles.

**CYBERSPACE POLICY REVIEW**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, and the Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a joint hearing on Agency Response to Cyberspace Policy Review. Testimony was heard from Cita Furkani, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Jeannette Wing, Assistant Director, Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, NSF; Robert F. Leheny, Acting